

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A vehicle closure hinge comprising:
a mount including a pivot axis flange;
a pivot link;
a pivot coupling said pivot link to said axis flange;
a spring comprising a laterally coiled strand extending from a first coil end to a second coil end, said strand having a first end at said first coil end and a second end with a longitudinally extended portion extending from a second coil end along a longitudinal direction of said coil to a position at said first coil end, wherein said first and second ends bias said link and said mount at said first coil end.
2. (original) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said longitudinally extended portion is positioned within said coil.
3. (original) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said longitudinally extended portion is coaxial with said coil.
4. (original) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said first strand end and said second strand end terminate at a substantially coplanar position.
5. (original) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said pivot link is a gooseneck arm.
6. (original) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein said first and second ends include radially extending arm portions.

7. (original) The invention as defined in claim 1 wherein at least one of said arm portions has a terminal portion pivotally secured to one of said pivot link and said mount.

8. (original) The invention as defined in claim 7 wherein both said first and second ends include radially extending arm portions having terminal portions, a first of said terminal portions being pivotally secured about a first spring arm axis to said pivot link, and a second of said terminal portions being pivotally secured about a second spring arm axis to said mount.

9. (original) The invention as defined in claim 8 wherein said first spring arm axis and said second spring arm axis are spaced from and parallel to the axis of said pivot axis flange.

10. (currently amended) A method for spring biasing a vehicle closure hinge comprising:

mounting a pivot axis flange on a compartment bordering structure;

aligning a pivot link carried by the vehicle closure adjacent said pivot axis flange;

coupling said pivot link to said pivot axis flange;

biasing said pivot link about said pivot axis with a laterally coiled strand spring extending from a first coil and to a second coil end, said strand having a first strand end at said first coil end, and a second, strand end portion extending from said second coil end along a longitudinal direction of said coil to a position at said first coil end, wherein said biasing acts about said pivot axis at said first coil end.

11. (original) The invention as defined in claim 10 wherein said biasing includes aligning said second strand end portion through said coil.

12. (currently amended) A vehicle closure hinge comprising:
a mount including a pivot axis flange;
a pivot link coupled to the vehicle closure;
a pivot coupling said pivot link to said pivot axis flange;
a spring comprising a laterally coiled strand extending from a first coil end to a second coil end, said strand having a first strand end coupled to said pivot link and a second strand end coupled to said mount biasing said pivot link to open the vehicle closure;
wherein said pivot link is a gooseneck bar; and
wherein said coiled strand is coaxial to said pivot axis.

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18. (original) The invention as defined in claim 12 wherein said closure hinge includes one of said first strand end and second strand end being coupled to said pivot link at a position spaced from said pivot axis.

19. (original) The invention as defined in claim 18 wherein said second strand is coupled to said mount at a position spaced from said pivot axis.

20. (currently amended) vehicle closure hinge comprising:
a mount including a pivot axis flange;
a pivot link coupled to the vehicle closure;
a pivot coupling said pivot link to said pivot axis flange;
a spring comprising a laterally coiled strand extending from a first coil end to a second coil end, said strand having a first strand end coupled to said pivot link and a second strand end coupled to said mount biasing said pivot link to open the vehicle closure;
wherein said pivot link is a gooseneck bar;
wherein said first strand end is pivotally coupled to said pivot link,
wherein said pivotally coupled first strand end pivotally engages a lever pivotally coupled to and carried by said pivot link; and
wherein said lever includes a second pivot coupling said lever to said pivot link.